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Hiroshi SANO et al.)	
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Application No.: (unassigned))	
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Filed: March 18, 2004)	
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For: THEOBROMINE SYNTHASE)	
POLYPEPTIDE OF COFFEE PLANT)	
AND THE GENE ENCODING SAID)	
POLYPEPTIDE)	

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37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

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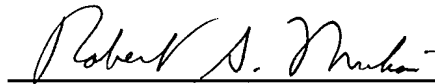
Sir:

I, Robert G. Mukai, declare as follows:

1. That the content of the paper and computer-readable copies of the Substitute Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same and in compliance with §1.821(f).
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3. Accordingly, this submission does not include new matter.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements were made on information and belief and are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: March 18, 2004

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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney's Docket No.

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I BELIEVE I AM THE ORIGINAL, FIRST AND SOLE INVENTOR (if only one name is listed below) OR AN ORIGINAL, FIRST AND JOINT INVENTOR (if more than one name is listed below) OF THE SUBJECT MATTER WHICH IS CLAIMED AND FOR WHICH A PATENT IS SOUGHT ON THE INVENTION ENTITLED:

THEOBROMINE SYNTHASE POLYPEPTIDE OF COFFEE PLANT AND THE GENE ENCODING

SAID POLYPEPTIDE

the specification of which

(check one)

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is attached hereto;

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was filed on October 5, 2001 as

Application No. 09/971,020

and was amended on _____;
(if applicable)

I HAVE REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED SPECIFICATION, INCLUDING THE CLAIMS, AS AMENDED BY ANY AMENDMENT REFERRED TO ABOVE;

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY TO DISCLOSE TO THE OFFICE ALL INFORMATION KNOWN TO ME TO BE MATERIAL TO PATENTABILITY AS DEFINED IN TITLE 37, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, Sec. 1.56 (as amended effective March 16, 1992);

I do not know and do not believe the said invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to said application; that said invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said application; that said invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said application in any country foreign to the United States of America on any application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said application;

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Sec. 119 and/or Sec. 365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate as indicated below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

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COUNTRY/INTERNATIONAL	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	2000-307,149	6, October, 2000	YES _x NO__
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I hereby appoint the following attorneys and agent(s) to prosecute said application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to file, prosecute and to transact all business in connection with international applications directed to said invention:

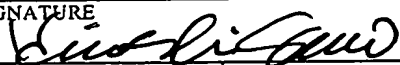
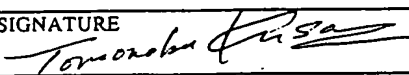
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, X/WE (I) Hiroshi SANO
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hereinafter referred to as Assignor (collectively if more than one inventor is listed above), have invented certain new and useful improvements in THEOBROMINE SYNTHASE POLYPEPTIDE OF COFFEE PLANT, the specification of which: AND THE GENE ENCODING SAID POLYPEPTIDE

- (a) ☐ was executed on even date herewith;
(b) ☒ was filed on October 5, 2001 as ☐ Application No. 09/971,020 or ☐ Express Mail No., as Application No. not yet known _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable); or
(c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any) and/or under PCT Article 34 on _____ (if any).

AND WHEREAS, NARA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
with its principal place of business at 8916-5, Takayama-Cho, Ikoma City, Nara Pref., Japan

(hereinafter referred to as Assignee) desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements with respect to the United States of America, its territories and possessions.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby acknowledges that it has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in the United States of America, and its territories and possessions in, to and under said improvements, and any Patent Applications in the United States of America and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States of America which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions; and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue all Patents for said improvements to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

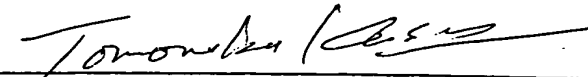
AND ASSIGNOR HEREBY covenants and agrees that it will communicate to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to it respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in the United States of America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor intending to be legally bound has hereunto affixed its signature.

This 7th day of December, 2001


Signature of Hiroshi SANO

This 7th day of December, 2001


Signature of Tomonobu KUSANO

This 7th day of December, 2001


Signature of Nozomu KOIZUMI

This ____ day of _____, ____

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